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IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK OUT DEWAR'S STORY IN HONG KONG INASMUCH AS BOTH THE ALLEGED BANK AND ALLGED COMMODITY ARE UNNAMED. EVEN SO, THE STORY STRIKES US AS MORE THAN HIGHTLY UNLIKELY. IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH KNOWN TRADE PROACTICES OF THE PRC AND IT SEEMS AN INEFFICIENT AND CHANCY METHOD FOR PUTTING MONEY IN THE HANDS OF INDIVIDUALS -- BUSINESSMEN WITH TITLE TO STOCKS OF THE DESIRED COMMODITY COULD TURN OUT TO BE ARCH CAPTITALISTS RATHER THAN LEFT WING BUSINESSMEN FAVORABLE TO THE PRC. FINALLY, WE DO NOT SEE WHY THE PRC SHOULD TURN TO DEWAR. IT HAS WELL ORGANIZED CONTACTS IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THAILAND WHICH COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE ANY SERVICE THAT DEWAR COULD.

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